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COOPERATION WITH ARAB INVOLVEMENT

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1. AS MISSION SURMISED REF B LIST OF PARTICIPANTS TO
SUBJECT CONFERENCE REF A SHOWS THAT WITH MINOR EXCEPTIONS
ARAB INSTITUTIONS WILL BE REPRESENTED BY SENIOR
TECHNICAL EXPERTS. WE THEREFORE ACCEPT MISSION SUGGESTION
THAT MALLEY OF MISSION STAFF SHOULD BE US OBSERVPR/
PARTICIPANT ALONG WITH KLOPSTOCK OF NEW YORK FED WHO
HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION.

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P. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT SENDING AN OBSERVER, WE
REQUEST THE MISSION'S OBSERVER REPORT BRIEFLY ON THE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING. EXAMPLES OF DEPARTMENT'S
INTERESTS FOLLOWS:

A. WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS FOR DIRECT PRIVATE SECTOR
PARTICIPATION IN TRIANGULAR COOPERATION? WOULD AN ARAB

FUND CONSIDER APPROACHES BY PRIVATE FIRMS OR TRADE GROUPS
FOR INVESTMENT IN SPECIFIC PROJECTS.

B. TO WHAT EXTENT ARE THE ARAB FUNDS WILLING TO
COOPERATE WITH OR COME TO RELY ON EXISTING DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS AID FOR THE
IDENTIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS? ARE THEY
LIKELY TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN EXPERTISE IN THESE AREAS?

C. HOW CLOSELY DO THE VARIOUS FUNDS COOPERATE WITH ONE
ANOTHER? WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS FOR THE CREATION OF A
CENTRAL INFORMATION NETWORK BY THE FUND;, WHICH HAS BEEN
RUMORED?

D. WHAT ARE THE VARIOUS FUND'S PLANS FOR THE SIZE AND
DURATION OF THEIR INVESTMENT FLOW? HOW ARE THE FLOWS
TO BE DISTRIBUTED? WHICH REGIONS, COUNTRIES AND SECTORS
ARE TO BE FAVORED?

E. WHAT POLITICAL REWARDS DO THE ARAB FUNDS EXPECT FOR
THEIR EFFORTS? FOR EXAMPLE, THE REPORT SPEAKS OF THE
VALUE OF ARAB INVESTMENT FOR "REGIONAL INTEGRATION" AND
THE CREATION OF "NEW RELATIONSHIPS" BETWEEN THE ARABS
AND THE RECIPIENTS OF THEIR FUNDS. HOW WELL DEFINED
ARE THESE GOALS AND HOW DEDICATED ARE THEY TO THEM?

F. WHAT WERE THE REACTIONS OF LDC PARTICIPANTS? HOW
MUCH ENTHUSIASM WAS GENERATED; WERE ANY PROPOSALS
AILED?

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G. WHAT WAS THE OVERALL OUTCOME OF THE MEETING? WAS
THERE TALK OF CREATING NEW INSTITUTIONS, OF TAKING
FURTHER STEPS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRIANGULAR
COOPERATION?
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